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In re Application of

Richard G. Owen et al

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: WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 29, 2003, requesting revival of the above-identified application based on timely reply to an Office action.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed several Office actions to applicants, the last on December 18, 2002, each setting a one month shortened statutory time period for reply, and requiring submission of an acceptable sequence compliance disk. Each submitted disk was either corrupted in the mail, and therefor unreadable, or contained one or more errors. It appears that applicants have not always followed the most current guidelines and instructions for submitting CRF disks, even though the submissions are evidence of a good faith effort to comply with the CRF requirements. However, the CRF submitted in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed June 24, 2003, as a consequence of failure to provide an acceptable disk, has been corrected and found acceptable. In view of this submission the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to a pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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